IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re application of: Hodge et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response (Amendment) is filled in response to the Non-final Office action, dated October 16, 2008. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before January 16, 2009. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filling, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-4550.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 and end with a Conclusion on page 7.